As per the survey conducted in 1998, there were approximately 20,000 unlicensed hawkers in MCD area. However, no survey of unlicensed rickshaw pullers has been made.

(b) to (d) In accordance with Section 420 of "The Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1994", no person shall without or otherwise than in conformity with the terms of a licence granted by the Commissioner in this behalf (a) hawk or expose for sale in any place any article whatsoever whether it be for human consumption or not; and (b) use in any place his skill in any handicraft or for rendering services to and for the convenience of the public for the purposes of gain or making a living. It is, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the municipal authorities to remove unauthorized hawkers from public places. However, in order to eliminate harassment and corruption in this area, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have framed a scheme under which the applicants who were unable to secure open tehbazari rights have been made entitled for grant of hawking licences. The last date for receipt of applications in this regard expired on 27th August, 2001 and the scrutiny of applications received is in hand.

Atrocities on downtrodden tribals and Christians in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand

†*536. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cases of atrocities on downtrodden, tribals and Christians in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand have increased manifold;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such cases that came to light during last three months, district-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check this rising trend ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The district-wise details of such cases as reported by the State Government of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand for the period 1-5-2001 to 31-7-2001 are given in the Statements I and II. (*See* below) :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) 'Public order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system to ensure reduction of crimes against Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women and other vulnerable sections of the society. The advisories issued by the Government include, *inter alia,* sensitisation of police personnel in the matter of implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, recruitment of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the police force creating awareness among the weaker sections about their rights etc.

Statement I

Crime on SCs/STs during last three months

(Crime Statement for the month of May, June, July, 2001)

CHHATTISGARH

Sl. No.	District	SCs	STs	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Raipur	14	02	16
2.	Durg	25	15	40
3.	Rajnandgaon	12	07	19
4.	Mahasamund	04	01	05
5.	Dhamtari	05	01	06
6.	Kavardha	08	04	12
7.	Bilaspur	12	07	19
8.	Raigarh	04	06	10
9.	Sarguja	03	08	11
10.	Jashpur	06	08	14

1	2	3	4	5
11.	Koria	01	01	02
12.	Korba	15	09	24
13.	Janjgir	05	04	09
14.	Jagdalpur (Bastar)	00	13	13
15.	Kakir	01	03	04
16.	Dantewada	02	05	07
	TOTAL	117	94	211

Statement II

Crime on SCs/STs and Christians during last three months

(May—July, 2001)

JHARKHAND

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of cases
1	2	3
1.	Ranchi	03
2.	Jamshedpur	04
3.	Chaibasa	00
4.	Gumla	02
5.	Lohardaga	06
6.	Simdega	03
7.	Saraikela	00
8.	Palamu	02
9.	Gadwa	00
10.	Chatra	00
11.	Hazaribagh	05
12.	Kodrama	00

1	2	3
13.	Giridih	01
14.	Bokaro	01
15.	Dhanbad	00
16.	Dumka	01
17.	Devdhar	00
18.	Godda	04
19.	Sahebganj	04
20.	Pakur	00
21.	Laschar	00
22.	Jamtara	00
	Total	36 cases

Prevention of Terrorist Activities Bill, 2000

*537. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to enact the Prevention of Terrorist Activities Bill, 2000, which had earlier been put on the backburner ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether it is a fact that this piece of legislative measure was criticised by the National Human Rights Commission and was rejected by an overwhelming majority of the Chief Ministers of the States; and

(d) if so, whether the NHRC and various State Governments would be consulted before introducing the Bill in Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) to (d) The Government proposes to enact an effective anti-terrorism legislation. On a reference made in this regard by the Government, the Law Commission has drafted a Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000.

The said Bill was circulated among all State Governments and UT Administrations for soliciting their comments. Only a few States rejected outright